

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 223**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Dutra and Pescetti**

(Principal coauthors: Senators Machado, Murray, and Torlakson)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 223—Relative to the Alice Livingston Memorial Overcrossing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 223, as introduced, Dutra. Alice Livingston Memorial Overcrossing.

This measure would designate the Mather Field Road overcrossing on State Highway Route 50 in Rancho Cordova in the County of Sacramento as the Alice Livingston Memorial Overcrossing.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Alice Livingston was born Elisa Espinosa, the  
2 third of eight children, on August 4, 1936, in Norwalk, California;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, She was raised on local farms in Orange County  
5 where she later graduated from Huntington Beach Union High  
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, She graduated from Orange County Coast  
8 Community College in the year 1956 while working for her high  
9 school; and

10 WHEREAS, In the year 1958, she moved to Spain, working  
11 four years for the United States government as a civil service  
12 employee, and later marrying an airman in the United States Air  
13 Force and giving birth to her first daughter Terrie; and

1 WHEREAS, In the year 1962, Alice Livingston returned to the  
2 United States, settling with her husband and daughter in El Cajon,  
3 California, where she gave birth to her second daughter Susan,  
4 devoted her time to raising her children, and later worked for a  
5 local manufacturing company; and

6 WHEREAS, In December of 1979, Alice Livingston moved  
7 with her younger daughter to Sacramento, California, and began  
8 more than 20 years of service with the California State Assembly  
9 as a member of the Assembly stenography pool; and

10 WHEREAS, In January of 1980, Alice Livingston joined the  
11 staff of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation,  
12 chaired by then Assembly Member Wadie Deddeh; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1983, Alice Livingston began working for then  
14 Speaker pro Tempore Frank Vicencia; and

15 WHEREAS, In March of 1987, Alice Livingston began  
16 working for the Assembly Transportation Committee, where she  
17 provided exemplary service as committee secretary under several  
18 chairs over the course of 15 years; including former Assembly  
19 Members Richard Katz (1987–1995), Antonio Villaraigosa  
20 (1995–1996), and Larry Bowler (1996–1997), then Assembly  
21 Members and current Senators Kevin Murray (1997–1999) and  
22 Tom Torlakson (1999–2001), and the current Chair Assembly  
23 Member John Dutra; and

24 WHEREAS, Alice Livingston grew to serve as a mentor to  
25 others in the position of committee secretary, and was ultimately  
26 designated to help train staff for the position; and

27 WHEREAS, In May of 2002, Alice Livingston fell ill and was  
28 later diagnosed with lung cancer, ultimately succumbing to the  
29 condition at the age of 65 on the morning of Thursday, June 6,  
30 2002; and

31 WHEREAS, In the midst of her illness, Alice Livingston  
32 continued to inquire about her colleagues in the Legislature and the  
33 daily business of the Assembly Transportation Committee,  
34 requesting copies of the Senate and Assembly Daily Files and  
35 offering several times to “come in and help out at work”; and

36 WHEREAS, Alice Livingston was a longtime resident in the  
37 community of Rancho Cordova at the time of her passing; and

38 WHEREAS, During her years of service to the Legislature, and  
39 most notably her tenure as a committee secretary, Alice Livingston  
40 served with great distinction and ceaseless dedication, observing



1 the highest standards of conduct and ethics as a professional  
2 Legislative staff member; and

3 WHEREAS, In light of her many years of service as committee  
4 secretary to the Assembly Transportation Committee, it is fitting  
5 to name an overcrossing on State Highway 50 after Alice  
6 Livingston; and

7 WHEREAS, Alice Livingston was an inspiration to all who  
8 knew her as a generous, selfless, hard-working, intelligent, and  
9 modest person; and

10 WHEREAS, Alice Livingston's coworkers, friends, and family  
11 deeply feel her absence and will forever remember her dignity,  
12 warmth, kindness, love of life, and enthusiasm for her profession;  
13 now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Mather Field Road overcrossing on  
16 State Highway Route 50 in Rancho Cordova be officially named  
17 the Alice Livingston Memorial Overcrossing; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to  
19 determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent  
20 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
21 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations  
22 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those  
23 plaques and markers; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
25 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the  
26 author for appropriate distribution.

